



D000 Basic Information

D070 Drop Shipment

## D071 Express Mail and Priority Mail

**Summary** D071 describes drop shipment using Express Mail and Priority Mail. It explains where to deposit this mail and what times it may be accepted.

### 1.0 EXPRESS MAIL

**Description**  
1.1 Express Mail drop shipment (Express Mail Custom Designed Service, Express Mail Next Day Service, or Express Mail Second Day Service) expedites movement of any other class of mail between domestic postal facilities. The drop shipment receives the Express Mail service selected from the origin post office to the destination post office of the shipment, where the enclosed mail is processed and provided the appropriate service from that post office to its destination.

**Deposit Site**  
1.2 An Express Mail drop shipment must be made at a postal facility designated by the postmaster to accept both the class of mail enclosed and Express Mail. The shipment must be prepared under [M072](#) and presented to the business mail entry unit (BMEU) of the origin post office.

**Acceptance Time**  
1.3 An Express Mail drop shipment must be presented to the BMEU with enough time for acceptance, processing, and dispatch to the Express Mail unit before the cutoff time for Express Mail.

**Special Services**  
1.4 No special services can be added to the Express Mail portion of the drop shipment.

### 2.0 PRIORITY MAIL

**Description**  
2.1 Priority Mail drop shipment expedites movement of any other class or subclass of mail (except Express Mail) between domestic postal facilities. The drop shipment receives Priority Mail service from the origin post office to the destination post office of the shipment, where the enclosed mail is processed and provided the appropriate service from that post office to its destination.

**Deposit Site**  
2.2 A Priority Mail drop shipment must be prepared under [M072](#) and presented to the business mail entry unit (BMEU) authorized by the postmaster to accept the class of mail enclosed.

**Acceptance Time**  
2.3 A Priority Mail drop shipment must be presented to the BMEU with enough time for acceptance, processing, and dispatch before the critical dispatch time for Priority Mail.

**Special Services**  
2.4 No special services can be added to the Priority Mail portion of the drop shipment.

